

DATE: May 4, 2003

TO: Jonas Minton

FROM: Alex Hildebrand

Dear Jonas,

The facilitators have scheduled a series of AC workshops. We urge that you explain at the May 16 AC meeting how these workshops relate to the basic content of the Work Plan as proscribed by the water code; that is to estimate the water supply needed to meet the state's future needs, and to propose measures to provide that water supply.

The agenda for the workshops do not clearly address determining the magnitude of the needed water supply either in toto or for each purpose of use: urban, including both domestic needs and the provision of goods and services; production of an adequate supply of essential agricultural products; and provision of appropriate environmental protection. Neither do the agendas address the measures needed to provide a total water supply of the magnitude determined to be needed. The tone of the agendas still seems to assume that other needs will continue to be met without potential pain by producing less food.

We trust that DWR is progressing in these determinations. However, it is not clear to AC members what DWR is doing, or how the AC can assist other than to offer constructive comment on specific proposals or requests when they are submitted by DWR. It is not clear how the workshops are designed to assist DWR in this difficult task. We must be sure that the time spent by AC members actually facilitates a timely and defensible outcome. We look forward to your comments and assurances regarding these concerns.

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